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Dysart approves 2022 budget

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al council has approved a 3.8 per cent increase in the tax levy for 2022, meaning everyone will have to dig a little deeper. Residential properties will experience an \$11.41 increase per \$100,000 of assessment. This means a property assessed at \$400,000 will pay \$45.64 more for 2022.

The commercial rate increase will be \$16.92 per \$100,000 in assessment and the industrial rate will increase by \$19.60 per \$100,000 in assessment.

Total property taxation for the year will be \$10,678,000, with expenses for the municipality totalling \$18,492,000.

Additionally, the Business Improvement Area levy has been set at \$45,000. The final tax levy due dates are scheduled for July 13 and Sept. 14.

Mayor Andrea Roberts inquired what information would go into the tax insert for July. Treasurer Barbara Swannell asked council to email her as soon as possible with suggestions. The insert from last year will be sent to council to help generate ideas for other things to include.

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Smiles on the slopes

The bunny hill at Sir Sam's ski resort in Eagle Lake was the place to be on Family Day weekend. The resort sold 800 lift tickets on Feb. 21, and sold out the day before. See more photos on page 4. /Photo by Vivian Collings

Minor injuries reported after bus rear-ended

Adult passengers on a bus that was rear-ended by a passenger vehicle on Gelert Road last week noted minor injuries after the collision.

Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police are investigating the collision that occurred last Friday.

According to an OPP press release, on Feb. 25, shortly before 10 a.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a motor vehicle collision involving a bus and a passenger vehicle at the intersection of Gelert Road and Koshlong Lake Road in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

"The initial investigation indicated the automobile struck the rear of the bus as it was slowing to make a turn," reads the press release. "At the time of the collision there were adult passengers on the bus. Minor injuries were reported. The inves-

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Benefits outweigh risks as restrictions lifted: MOH

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually on Feb. 23.

When asked if she is comfortable with the provincial government's accelerated timeline of lifting restrictions including vaccination mandates and capacity limits at businesses, Bocking noted the policy decisions being made are difficult for the government.

"We know that they are trying to weigh the risks and benefits," she said. "We know there are risks lifting restrictions, that we could see increased COVID-19 activity as people have more contacts in their lives, there's more opportunity for the virus to spread. We know however that there's risks for maintaining restrictions and there's harms for maintaining restrictions."

She said it was important to find a balance where there is, "not an equal level of risk, but an acceptable level of risk."

She said the primary goal of restrictions during the Omicron variant wave was to not overburden the health-care system.

"I'm comfortable right now that the level of activity of Omicron that we're seeing and the level of activity that might increase with lifting public health restrictions will not result in overwhelming our healthcare system the same way that we saw at the peak of Omicron or the peaks of other waves," she said. "In that sense, the risks of lifting these measures are not as high as they used to be and the benefits of doing so are strong in that argument."

Bocking did caution the public, and businesses, that COVID-19 activity remains, and continued to recommend mask-wearing, staying home while sick and vaccinations.

"COVID-19 is going to continue to be with us, and the

goal is to try to decrease transmission as much as we can in order to prevent those people most vulnerable to severe illness from becoming sick," she said.

Preparing for the end of mask mandates

Bocking said that lifting the mask mandate would depend on ongoing COVID-19 activity in the community, and the impact of lifting current restrictions such as capacity limits and proof of vaccination requirements.

"It's quite prudent to continue this staged approach to see what the impact is in lifting some restrictions before easing all restrictions - we've seen that in other jurisdictions globally, this phased approach," she said.

Bocking said she has heard discussions that mask mandates could end provincially as early as within a month.

"Personally that might be too soon," she said. "I know people are tired of wearing masks but I think there is certainly a level of ongoing viral transmission in the community that they're still an important protective measure in protecting our vulnerable community members. Some difficult decisions being made at a provincial level and we'll continue to monitor really all of our indicators for COVID-19 activity at a community and a provincial level."

Plateaued, steady state of activity

Bocking said there has been a significant decrease from the peak of Omicron activity about a month ago but not down yet to the "very, very low activity" seen locally between the third and the most recent wave of COVID-19.

She said while testing remains limited, other indicators are still being followed for a sense of COVID-19 transmission.

The health unit is now seeing about 20 to 30 new lab-confirmed cases per day, with a test positivity around 12 per cent. To put test positivity in perspective, she said

at the peak of Omicron activity, it was 20 per cent, and prior to the dominance of the Omicron variant, test positivity rates in the region were two to three per cent.

"We're not down at the level we'd like to be but certainly an improvement from where we were at the peak of Omicron activity," she said.

New outbreaks are still being identified, at a decreased rate. At the time of the briefing there remained eight outbreaks in high-risk settings, three of those at long-term care homes.

The viral signal at Lindsay and Cobourg sewersheds continued to decrease, and was significantly lower than at the peak of the most recent wave but was not quite down to baseline - or a very low level of activity.

"All of these indicators together tell me certainly that Omicron is still present in the community, there is still ongoing transmission," said Bocking. "It's much better than where we were a month ago, and the impact that ongoing Omicron activity is having on our acute care system remains manageable, and the impact of ongoing transmission on public health services remains manageable. We will see some ongoing transmission for the next couple of weeks."

By the numbers

Since Jan. 1, or the general dominance of the Omicron variant, Bocking said there has been 63 hospital admissions, 14 ICU admissions and 26 deaths in the region.

Of those aged 70 and older, 85.6 per cent have had their booster dose; while 73.3 per cent of those 50 and older have had their booster dose of vaccine; and 60.5 per cent of those aged 18 and older have received their booster dose.

In the area, 48.1 per cent of kids aged five to 11, who have had access to COVID-19 vaccines since December, have had their first dose of vaccine.

The next session with Dr. Bocking will take place in two weeks, on March 9 as the health unit's media briefings move to being held twice a month rather than weekly.



OPP reminds drivers to slow down

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tigation into this collision is ongoing."

Haliburton Highlands OPP is requesting anyone with information that can assist police with this investigation to please call 1-888-310-1122 or (705) 286-1431.

OPP reminded drivers to reconsider unnecessary travel during poor weather conditions and stay home.

"If you do need to drive, please adjust your driving accordingly," reads the press release. "Slow down and leave ample space between you and the vehicle in front of you."

- Staff

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OPP investigate theft from snow groomer

On Feb. 24 shortly after 12:00 p.m. officers from the Bancroft Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to the report of a theft from a snow groomer on West Eels Lake Road in the Municipality of Highlands East. The investigation revealed that sometime overnight on Feb. 21, unknown suspect(s) stole a chainsaw and LED lights from a snow groomer.

Any person with information regarding the person(s)

responsible for this theft should immediately contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

- Submitted by the Bancroft OPP

Final surplus report planned for March

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Councillor John Smith suggested that whatever education can be provided to property owners about the landfills or about contacting the roads superintendent by phone with road issues, would be helpful. He then went on to ask about the final surplus for 2021. Swannell explained that they don't have the final numbers yet but the goal is to have it for the Committee of the Whole meeting in March.

Mayor Andrea Roberts reminded council that at the final budget meeting earlier in February, five out of seven members of council voted not to use surplus dollars from 2021 to bring down the 2022 levy.

"We are still working on policies on how we use reserves and reserve balances," she said. "The reserve surplus from 2021 will not be given as one big number, it will be broken down by department when the numbers are given." She explained that this does not mean they could not use the surplus for some other projects.

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— Councillor Walt McKechnie

project or something we really need," said Councillor Walt McKechnie.

There will be further discussion at the March Committee of the Whole meeting.

Friday night flights

Highlands resident Susan Hendsbee lines up her dart for the board during Friday Night Fun Darts on Friday, Feb. 18 at the Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton. The recreational offering runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m. every Friday and is open to anyone 19 and over. If you have darts, please bring them. The Legion also has league nights every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. With a \$3 fee per night, or \$30 fee for the season (until April, ending with a barbecue social in June), players are welcome to join mid-season. Enter by the side entrance, located from the side parking lot. /DARREN LUM Staff



Highlands resident Jack Morrison takes aim during Friday Night Fun Darts.

Health unit nearly balances budget prior to new year

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit will have an almost balanced budget as it moves into a new fiscal year.

It's a positive sign for an institution which bore a heavy responsibility for guiding people through the pandemic and will have the daunting task of resuming halted services while still managing COVID-19 over the next 12 months.

The health unit's finances were discussed at the Thursday, Feb. 17 virtual board meeting and documents showed the unit spent \$22,941,081 in 2021, representing an excess of \$669 from its budget allotment of \$22,940,412.

"We couldn't get any closer if we tried," said the health unit's director Angela Vickery.

"Does anyone want to chastise Angela on being over-spent by \$700 ... on \$22 million?" said board chair Doug

Elmslie, tongue-in-cheek. "I think that's a pretty good record," he added.

Of the roughly \$22 million, about \$510,000 came from Haliburton County taxpayers and about \$11.9 million comes from provincial taxes. The unit also received an additional \$773,300 in "mitigation" funding from the province. That money is being given to help the health unit transition to a new funding formula, in which municipalities will be asked to provide 30 per cent of health unit's expenses, up from the previous mark of 25 per cent.

The health unit's board is made up of elected officials from the municipalities the unit represents. Some of them expressed concern about the new funding formula and wondered if mitigation funding will continue down the road.

Vickery said those concerns were "reasonable" but there's no indication on what will happen long-term.

"We are anticipating a slight increase in funding for 2022, but we haven't seen anything yet," Vickery said.

Dysart et al mayor and health unit board member Andrea Roberts noted that, with a provincial election coming in June, there's not likely to be any new directions and the board will have to advocate for the health unit when a new government is in place.

Some lines in the budget report showed just how extraordinary 2021 was for public health spending.

The health unit spent every dollar of the \$1,004,500 it was given for its COVID-19 vaccine program. Another line showed that the unit spent every dollar of \$1,230,000 budgeted for "COVID-19 Extraordinary Costs."

Meanwhile there were literally zero dollars spent on programs related to the "Social Determinants of Health, the Electronic Cigarettes Act, Vector-Borne Diseases, Small Drinking Water Systems" and a "Food Premise Report."

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Getting a lift on Family Day

Left, Family Day, Feb. 23, was a busy day at Sir Sam's, where a view from the top overlooks Eagle Lake. /Photos by Vivian Collings

Below, Tea Yates snowboards through the terrain park.



County to conduct survey to see what residents think of short-term rentals

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

When tourists come to visit Haliburton County short-term are they contributing to the economy or are they a burden on the environment, public safety and causing other issues which threaten rural living charm?

Haliburton County expects to soon get residents' thoughts on this issue, as staff are preparing a survey to prepare for a new short-term rental policy.

A draft of the survey being prepared by the county's planning department, with the help of a North Bay-based planning firm, was released to Haliburton County council at the Wednesday, Feb. 23 virtual meeting.

The draft of the survey was heavily scrutinized by several councillors, meaning several changes will likely be made and eventually brought back to council for approval at a future meeting.

But the overall direction of the survey has not changed; it is to gauge what concerns residents see developing from the use of cottage rentals, Airbnbs and short-term housing stays.

It's expected to be the first of two surveys released,

in order to gain information that will help Haliburton County develop a policy that would put regulations on setting up short-term rental businesses.

"The intent of this survey really is to explore perspectives on short-term rental accommodations generally and to begin to understand both the issues and opportunities and what the constraints are," said Jason Ferrigan, from the firm, J.L. Richards & Associates.

The first draft of the survey asked residents to rank the level of concern they have on issues such as excessive noise, parking, public safety, impact on the tax base and loss of character in neighbourhoods, among other issues.

It also asked residents to express the level of concern they have for cottages and dwellings, whether they're used by a usual visitor, a periodically-present visitor, a frequent visitor or a year-round visitor.

But it's unlikely that those questions will be asked exactly in the way they were worded in the first draft.

"The questions are poorly worded," Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said bluntly, during one of four instances where he spoke up to criticize the survey draft.

In another instance, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said matter-of-factly, "I still don't understand what you're looking for."

The comment was directed at Ferrigan, who was

explaining the fourth and fifth questions on the survey, which asks responders to rank their level of concern on various issues.

Councillors lobbied for many lines to be rephrased differently and for the wording to be tweaked to get better, more succinct information.

Moffatt said the draft of the survey didn't meet her expectations, as she has been waiting for several years for a deep investigation into the benefits and costs associated with having plenty of short-term rental venues in the area.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts also expressed concern that the survey, as it stood, was allowing people to express concerns they may have about short-term rental accommodations, but not an opportunity to express the positives.

"There is a great economic benefit to having more people come here and rent here. There are businesses thriving on the business of short-term rentals," she said. "Somehow that needs to be captured and I'm not sure how."

Council voted to receive the report and direct J.L. Richards & Associates to work on a new draft and bring it back to a future meeting. The survey was, originally, intended to be released in March.

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Standard tests return with provincial learning plan

NICK BERNARD

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) that was held virtually on Feb. 22:

TLDSB is getting ready for the return of standardized tests from the province's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) in May.

In his director's update, TLDSB director Wes Hahn walked the board through Ontario's learning recovery action plan, which was unveiled by the province in Feb. The plan includes the return of the EQAO tests, which will be conducted with students from Grades 3, 6 and 9.

The learning plan is broken down into five main objectives: Measuring and assessing current learning levels, the funding of comprehensive tutoring support, student resilience and mental health, strengthening numeracy and literacy, and modernizing education.

Hahn outlined the board's plans for each category, starting with the EQAO in the spring. It will form the basis of the learning plan's measurement and assessment objective.

"It's quite clear that the ministry has indicated that through EQAO, they will continue to use that as a meas-

urement tool for boards to be assessed," Hahn said. "We believe it's an important piece to how we will be moving forward with our plans."

Students in Grade 3 and 6 will be assessed on reading, writing, and mathematics, while the assessment for Grade 9 students will focus on mathematics.

An online practice assessment is available for the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). The OSSLT measures whether students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. The practice assessment can be found on the EQAO website.

Local teacher receives director's recognition award

Katie Bjelis was awarded the Director's Recognition Award for her work as a Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) at Stuart Baker Elementary School.

The Director's Recognition Award highlights extraordinary contributions by staff members, students, school volunteers, or community members, and is presented at each meeting of the board.

Bjelis was nominated by Stuart Baker's principal, Karyn Linton Marra.

"Katie is an inspiration. She juggles many hats, always with a smile, and genuine compassion," Director Wes Hahn said, relaying thoughts from Linton Marra on Bje-

lis' nomination. "Working side-by-side with teachers, support staff, and educational assistants, she is an expert in behavior management and working with students with communication difficulties or other special needs. Yet, she seeks any new learning or information that will assist her to support students, allowing them to experience greater success."

Despite the meeting being held virtually, Bjelis still received an enthusiastic applause from everyone on the board.

"As a SERT, it really is a joy and a privilege to work alongside our youngest learners, with our highest need students, and their families," Bjelis said. "And I'm just so thankful to work alongside an incredible team with an amazing administrator, with supportive teachers and [educational assistants] ... just to create an inclusive, engaging experience for all."

Bjelis also expressed a deep appreciation for the work that she does day to day.

"I really do love teaching, I love my job, and my role, and I'm honored and humbled to receive this award," she said.

The next regular meeting of Trillium Lakelands District School Board will be Mar. 22.

Conservatives lobbying for key role in review of use of Emergencies Act: Schmale

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

The prime minister's controversial invoking of the Emergencies Act has been revoked, but the scrutinizing of why it was used is about to begin – and Canada's Official Opposition hopes to play a key role in that process, says Haliburton's Member of Parliament.

"I don't think it should have gotten to a point where it was needed in the first place," said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale in a phone interview days after the historic measure was used and then approved in a close Sunday night vote in the House of Commons.

Schmale, like all of his other 118 Conservative colleagues in Parliament, voted to oppose Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's invoking of the Act, which occurred back on Feb. 14, leading to a vote on whether it should be continued on Feb. 20.

That vote drew Liberal and NDP support and passed by a 185 - 151 count allowing the Act to remain in place on Sunday night. It was then revoked on Wednesday, Feb. 24, when the Liberal government felt satisfied that authorities had put an end to the three-week protest in Ottawa that was dubbed the "Freedom Convoy" and originally meant to voice opposition to COVID-19 vaccine mandates. The protest was particularly opposed to mandates that encouraged cross-border truck drivers to be vaccinated, although it morphed into a much larger rallying cry to oppose COVID-19-related restrictions in general.

The Act, an evolution of the former War Measures Act, essentially barred anyone from participating or supporting the protest, and froze financial institutions from supporting protesters.

Schmale explained that, as part of the Act, the federal government must form a committee to review how and why it was used. The Conservative Party, as the official Opposition, wants to have a strong voice on that committee.

"We do have some questions regarding the formation of that committee," Schmale said. "We're in negotiations now as to how that is to be composed."

Typically, Parliamentary committees are formed with party representation that closely matches ratios of party members in the House, and typically the committee chair is a member of the Opposition, Schmale explained.

He said that, as of now, the committee's chair will likely be a Liberal; and the Conservatives plan to object to that.

"We're not happy with the oversight committee of the Emergencies Act," he said, arguing it should be chaired



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale voted to oppose Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's invoking of the Emergencies Act. /Submitted photo

"as per convention."

The committee's formation is the next chapter in an emotionally charged and tumultuous month in the nation's capital. As Liberals, supported by the NDP, are backing Trudeau and his very pro-vaccine stance, Conservatives have been showing empathy for anti-vaccine protesters.

Schmale said while working in Ottawa over the past month, he was not greatly inconvenienced by the protesters and his walk to work from the nearby ByWard Market was not interrupted.

"Personally, I was never harassed, never approached (although) I'm not saying that didn't happen to others," he said.

He said Canadians should have the right to protest and be critical of their elected officials. He also argued that the Emergencies Act was too excessive, given that it was intended for use in national emergencies, not events that are limited to a few communities.

"Look at what the vast amount of charges were," he said. "Mischief, conspiracy to mischief and trespassing."

He argued that governments already have laws in place to stop these types of activities and that other laws

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Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP

should have been explored "before invoking the most severe and excessive tool that the federal government has at its disposal."

Schmale acknowledged that the vast difference of opinion between Liberals and Conservatives is making Canada become a politically polarized country. He said, prior to the pandemic, Conservatives and Liberals worked jointly on many issues without much objection; it's just that those issues often didn't make the news.

Since the pandemic there's been less opportunity for politicians of different parties to bump into each other in elevators or mingle at special events. "That helped keep things focussed on the issues and not (make things) personal," he said.

Now, the Conservative Party is accusing Trudeau of contributing to that polarization. Schmale argued that Trudeau, responding to poll statistics, began criticizing former Conservative Party leader Erin O'Toole for not strongly supporting vaccine mandates and, since then, there's been a stronger than usual rift between the two parties.

Since O'Toole's ouster as party leader in early February, new potential leaders are emerging and Schmale is publicly endorsing Carleton-based MP Pierre Poilievre, who recently announced his intention to enter the race.

"I think he's a great communicator," Schmale said, adding that he also thinks Poilievre has the intelligence to help Canada deal with the financial challenges of a pandemic-recovery era. He also thinks a Poilievre campaign for prime minister would centre around helping Canadians "gain control of their lives again."

"The pandemic has .. pushed people to their limits on what they can handle," Schmale said. "We've seen mental health issues rise, we've seen isolation in seniors ... We as human beings are naturally very social beings. We like to laugh and see smiles and be there for each other."

"All of that has been sidelined and I think it's wearing on people."

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In my conversations with retirees, I hear how they are busier with their post-work life than they ever have been before. It can be with recreational activities and hobbies, but many times it is related to volunteering for various service groups such as the the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, the Haliburton and District Lions Club, the Rotary Club of Haliburton, the Haliburton Highlands – Arts Council and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, to name a few. Some are even involved with more than one group.

These are the people who give. They give money. They give their expertise and skills from their careers. They also give, most importantly, their time and passion, but also to the community. Most who are engaged with what is happening in the community know volunteers are the lifeblood of much of what happens in the Highlands. Without them, our communities in Haliburton County would be a shadow of its current self.

I know this first hand. This comes from my professional experience, working for the *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times*. I've seen the effort. I've seen the volunteers flipping the burgers, sitting in on meetings to formulate plans for a better future, organizing the golf tournaments with the famous, and

the not so famous, but respected for the value they bring to the community.

The past few months for me have been an up and down affair as the editor of the *Echo*.

I believe I'm making my own contribution to the community, telling stories that promote, that raise questions, that show who we are. I'm not new to journalism, so I know the field isn't without criticism – it comes with the territory. And when fair is helpful.

However, the internet has provided those who are angry a vehicle to deliver their vitrol without hearing the reaction or measure of sensitivity.

I've been a target of criticism for what the *Echo* isn't and what it doesn't do for them. I'm not perfect. I make mistakes. The *Echo* will not be perfect. It's created by a small, but dedicated team. We will make mistakes. This isn't from wilful negligence.

With the negative, there is the positive. The loyal readers who appreciate what they have have let it be known. They tell me on the street. They telephone. They email. It's appreciated. You see us. We see you. Thank you.

For the challenges I face. For the anger directed at me. For the people who want to see a different *Echo*. I choose to not ignore you. I choose to accept and gain perspective. I will do what I can. Although effort doesn't equal execution, I will still do my best fuelled by a purpose to give back. I believe if you find your purpose you'll find life. Nothing is forever, but I will do my best for the *Echo* at its helm – that is my purpose. Good night. I'll see you in the morning.



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Editorial



Winter texture and colour

by Darren Lum

The family car

JANET TRULL

Special to the Echo

Another Family Day weekend has come and gone. Happy chaos, a crowded kitchen, and cousins fighting over the coveted Winnie the Pooh vehicle. I bought it for two bucks at the Lily Ann years ago, and it has been the absolute favourite toy when the seven grandkids come for a visit. It makes all kinds of super annoying sounds. Beep beep! Key in the ignition! Whoop whoop! And worst of all, the Winnie the Pooh song on repeat. Around and around it goes, in circles through the house.

Also popular, are the big Tonka vehicles which last five lifetimes. They make for hours of loading and dumping at the beach in summer, and snow moving in winter. Finally, there are the little Matchbox cars that end up under every couch and chair.

Cars and trucks. Can't live with them, can't live without them.

On Family Day weekend, the driveway was full of vehicles. I had a chance to compare current car culture to my own childhood memories of family trips to the cottage.

In 2022, child car seats take up the entire back seat. Each one has a tricky code to lock the child in place. Snowsuits complicate matters. These hard plastic, non-recyclable, expiry-dated units have come a long way since the 1960s. We relied on one strategy. If Dad had to put on the brakes, he yelled, "Hit the deck!" And we all dove for the floor. My brother once opened his door while we were hurtling down the 401, and hung halfway out until Dad pulled over onto the shoulder. Safety locks and car seats have cut down on road trip drama, but what is there

to laugh about at family reunions anymore?

Maybe it's only my perception, but it seems like a lot of eating goes on in the family car nowadays. Looking at the remnants of granola bars, fast food wrappers and dead gummy worms in my kids' cars, I understand why my dad had the No Eating in the Car rule. If we were on a long road trip, Mother packed the cooler. We would pull over at a rest stop and spread out the meal on a picnic table. The station wagon was always crumb-free. Sadly, drive thru restaurants and cup holders were the beginning of the end of clean car interiors.

Where's the ashtray? The ashtray was an essential feature in all cars, complete with lighters that kids could not resist goofing around with. Upholstery and finger burns were standard. After smoking in the car became a no-no, ashtrays were receptacles for gum. Finally they disappeared and the lighter turned into a phone charger.

My first car was a used '66 Mercury Meteor, with bench seats as big as living room couches, and manual everything, including steering and brakes. She cost \$500 and I called her Thunder. Power is a luxury. Windows, mirrors, seats, all at the touch of a button. But I miss those vehicles with North American parts. Everybody had an uncle who knew how to fix an exhaust system, change the oil, and identify the engine tick. All it took was five bucks and a visit to the local junkyard. No waiting for a container ship from China to deliver a computerized chip.

One thing hasn't changed. The crunch of gravel as the family car descends down the cottage laneway full of precious cargo, still makes my heart sing.

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points of view

Gas issues

FROM THE moment Jenn walked into the house, it was obvious she was annoyed. And since I had not yet moved or said a word, I was 80 per cent certain I was not the cause.

So, I posed the question that wise men typically avoid.

"Hey," I said cautiously. "What's bothering you?"

She looked at me and answered, "I had hoped to get gas this morning, but it's not going well."

I should have left well enough alone, but when you hear a statement like that, you just have to investigate further. Especially since my experience that morning had been very different.

"Some people would call not having gas a good thing," I stated.

"It isn't for me. I need gas before I go to Minden tomorrow," she replied.

"Have the people of Minden wronged you in some way?" I queried.

"No," she answered. "Why do you ask?"

I won't get into the details of the discussion that followed.

What's important is that it revealed a significant misunderstanding. When Jenn said gas, she meant for her car. Which was a relief to me and, quite frankly, a blessing for the good folks in Minden.

The problem, it turns out, was that the little door covering her gas cap would not open when she pulled the lever inside the car. Once I understood the issue, I was able to help.

"That door is frozen shut," I

said. "It was a very cold night. Once the sun warms it for a bit, I'm sure it will work again."

Jenn nodded, and then went straight to her laptop.

"Catching up on your emails?" I asked.

"No, I am doing an internet search on how to fix the problem," she replied.

"I just told you," I said. "Let the door warm up."

Again, I won't get into the discussion that followed. Suffice it to say, I discovered that Jenn stopped trusting my automotive maintenance advice last summer, after I told her that if she put iced tea in her windshield wiper fluid reservoir, she could have tinted windows whenever she wanted.

It worked, but apparently, she kept having to swerve for hummingbirds.

After minutes of internet research, Jenn discovered a few ways to make her car's gas cap door operational again. You could pry it open with a plastic lever, warm it up with a hair dryer, or spray the hinge with WD-40. She was quite proud of herself for discovering solutions to the issue.

And, an hour later, went outside with a vow to get gas by the time the morning was over, which, as you might guess, led to another brief misunderstanding.

When she returned 15 minutes later, she had filled her tank with gas and was quite content.

"Which method did you use to open the gas cap door?" I asked.

"I didn't have to use any," she said sheepishly. "The sun had heated it up and it opened."

"I wonder where you heard that before?" I said smugly.

She just shook her head and then we talked a little more about cars. I don't know if I impressed her with my knowledge but I'd like to think by the time our conversation was over she understood she was talking to a person who knew a thing or two about gas.



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pic of the past

In the 1950s, this impressive sign on Highway 35 at the entrance to the county was sure to hush some of those "Are we there yet?" questions on road trips! (This information, which was posted to Twitter, is republished with permission from the Haliburton Highlands Museum). /Submitted by Kate Butler of Haliburton Highlands Museum

Major incentive will soon be gone

To the Editor,

It is widely known that the best defence against succumbing to COVID is vaccination. However, when looking at the number of citizens that have two vaccine doses, Ontario sits seventh among the ten provinces. Only Manitoba, Saskatchewan and of course Alberta rank lower. Even the Northwest Territories and Yukon rank higher.

Since Dougie will soon eliminate the greatest incentive to get vaccinated – namely the vaccine

passports, the number of citizens lining up for a third dose will not climb.

While I have nothing against snowmobiling (which I thoroughly enjoyed when younger) I wish Ford would spend less time on his snowmobile and more time trying to encourage rather than discourage people getting fully vaccinated with three doses.

Dennis Choptiany
Koshlong Lake

Less studying, more action

To the Editor,

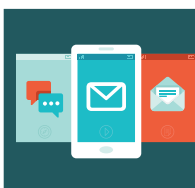
The socio-economic challenges facing the county are quite clear (and have been known for many years). I applaud hiring a data co-ordinator to mine the trove of information, but it will be to no positive end if the council doesn't take strong revenue and expense action. Frankly, while everyone loves low or no tax increases, we simply can't pay for what is needed without the revenue generated to do so.

Understanding the social determinants of

health (<https://www.cpha.ca/what-are-social-determinants-health>) and their effect on the people of Haliburton must serve as a catalyst for positive change.

Creating a fair and just society where we all benefit through less poverty, better education for those in need and more supportive housing has to be the goal. Let's not waste time on more study; now is the time to act!

J. Richard Blickstead
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Friends of the Rail Trail celebrates the village

FoRT Chairwoman Pamela Marsales is pictured at the SIRCH Bistro, where the group is hosting a celebratory event and discussion on March 6./ Submitted photo



STEPHEN PETRICK
Special to the Echo

All aboard: It's time to start thinking about the Haliburton County Rail Trail again.

The organization that supports the trail, Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT), is holding a celebratory meeting to get people talking about how they can contribute to the 35-km pathway, which is steeped in history and beautiful by nature.

The event, titled It Takes A Village, takes place from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 6 at SIRCH Bistro, at 49 Maple Ave.

FoRT is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year and this will be its first in-person meeting in more than two years, as a result of the pandemic.

Chairwoman Pamela Marsales stressed that the event is not a fundraiser. The organization just asks that participants make a donation to FoRT if they can. Also, anyone can attend; the event is not limited to members. However, people are asked to pre-register by contacting Marsales at 705-457-4767 or pamela.marsales@gmail.com.

The goal of FoRT is to get the community excited about supporting and preserving the trail.

"Our mandate is connecting the community to the rail trail," Marsales said.

The trail is owned by Haliburton County. It extends from the village of Haliburton to Kinmount. It then connects with other trails that travel south to Lindsay.

To say that the trail plays an important role in the history of Haliburton would be an understatement.

"The railway helped to create the County of Haliburton," Marsales said. "There was no county of Haliburton before they decided to build a railway there."

She explained that the trail covers a railway line that operated from 1878 to 1978, and often moved lumber to more southern communities. In 1988 the tracks were removed and it became a recreational trail. FoRT then formed in 2007 and began holding events to help the community support the trail, focussing on its history and how it provides important green spaces that can be used by people of all ages and abilities. The trail is mostly flat and has gravel and sand surfaces, so it's not considered a tricky route.

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Our mandate is connecting the community to the rail trail.

— Pamela Marsales,
FoRT chairwoman

Marsales says she loves it because it has "two historic railway bridges, lots of wetlands, and lots of opportunity to view wildlife."

The trail has become an important meeting place for community members, through programs such as the Sunday Ramblers, which has, for years, brought people together to hike areas of the trail.

Marsales said that program led to great community get-togethers where trail users would discuss ideas. The trail became "like the old fashioned village green, where people would meet their neighbours casually. That became the hallmark of Friends of the Rail Trail."

The Sunday Ramblers program is expected to continue this year, with 15 rambles planned. Those who have ideas for themes of the walk are encouraged to let FoRT know.

The It Takes A Village event will start with the showing of a documentary called "The Caledon Trailway, Building the Dream."

It tells the story of how the Caledon community stepped up to improve a similar rail trail in their area and it should serve as inspiration for Haliburton County Rail Trail users. Next, there will be a discussion on what FoRT can do to catch up after two lost years due to the pandemic. And then, finally, there's the supper, provided by SIRCH and its executive director Gena Robertson.

Marsales said that when FoRT holds events, there are educational components, but the events are mostly social in nature, as they're designed to bring like-minded trail users together to discuss how to preserve and promote the trail.

"It's an opportunity to build on FoRT's fifteen years and create something lasting for the future," Marsales said, in a statement.

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Land trust premieres two videos during online event

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is excited to premiere two new videos at a public, online event. Everyone is invited to tune in via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 3. The event registration link will be shared on Facebook and on the HHLT website at www.haliburtonland-trust.ca. HHLT chair, Shelley Hunt, will host this live, online event.

In 2021, HHLT was awarded an Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Communities Fund (OTF RCF) grant for \$48,000. The funds have been used to help the Land Trust rebuild and recover from the impacts of the pandemic by redesigning and updating our website, creating an informational video, and offering educational and training programs for our volunteers. As part of these efforts, a key project activity was to hire a videographer to document Land Trust properties with

public access. We are proud to report that Brad Brown of UpsideBrown was hired to showcase the important values and uses of Dahl Forest and Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

The Land Trust is thrilled to premiere "Conservation in Action" as part of our OTF recognition event. Brad will be present to talk briefly about filming the video and to answer any questions you might have.

In addition to this video, we are taking the opportunity to premiere another special video, "Wonder in the Woods" made by Sticks and Stones Productions and funded by TD Friends of the Environment. Videographers Tammy Rea and Midori Nagai will also be in attendance.

Submitted

Canoe FM's new Opera Night in Canada

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

"Opera Night in Canada," (ONC) the new show on Haliburton's volunteer community radio station, Canoe FM, was given its name by creator and host, Dawn Martens, who is on a mission to change the idea of opera as elitist to one that is as accessible as hockey.

"I want to reach people who wouldn't necessarily listen to opera," Martens said. "I'll take an opera and show listeners how the storyline relates to popular culture and everyday life."

For twenty-six years, Martens ran the Buchanan Park Opera Club in Hamilton, an elementary school opera club and taught children about opera.

"They weren't in middle school yet when kids get a little pickier, so they were very open to the art form. I took an opera and re-wrote it with a narration and took the important excerpts from the opera and the children sang them in English, not in German or Italian," she said.

Martens produced 26 operas for children.

"My motive in doing this wasn't to produce opera singers. It was to give the kids that moment on stage where they shine. The medium was opera. But, really, what I wanted was to expose them to the arts and to different music."

Several of her students went on to pursue musical careers.

When she retired in the fall, Martens wanted to continue opera education, "because I feel it's an amazing art form," she said. "The radio show will be doing the same things, except for adults. They will see how the storyline of an opera relates to popular culture and everyday life."

"I came to opera as a newbie back in my university days and I saw an opera and swore I would never see one again. I thought I would die before the thing ended. It was in Russian and it was endless. The only thing good that I can remember about it was the ice cream at intermission," she said.

That changed when Martens went to an opera excerpt concert and a Canadian singer performed a piece from Don Giovanni.

"I found it amazingly hilarious and what clicked in my mind was that Mozart wrote this hundreds of years ago and we're still laughing at it now because it's still relevant," she said. "And then, I went to a production of *The Marriage of Figaro* and was impressed by a young singer who played the count. There were also subtitles projected on a screen above the stage translating the text being sung into English. So, that made it easy to follow and enjoy."

In 2021, Martens received the Governor General's Award for her online production of the opera *Bundibar* with a cast of Grade 4 to 6 students, an opera originally performed by children in a German concentration camp.

"The Nazis did a propaganda film of Jewish children and adults performing the opera before sending them to the gas chambers," she said. "They wanted to silence these poor



Canoe FM's newest voice, Dawn Martens, has launched the radio station's newest program Opera Night in Canada. The program airs the third Thursday of each month. /Photo by John Martens

children, but their legacy goes on in the music."

As a writer for *Opera Canada* magazine, Martens has access to opera singers, opera producers and directors.

"So, I'm reaching out to them and saying: Hey, come on my show and talk about opera. Opera people are quite hilarious and very down to earth, and have wonderful stories to tell," she said.

On ONC's Feb. 17 debut show, Martens' guest was John Fanning, Member of the Order of Canada, regarded as one of today's pre-eminent baritones.

"He had some very interesting things to say about why opera has had a reputation for being elitist and how we can overcome that," she said.

"Opera singers are just regular people who happen to do opera as a profession," Martens said. She recalled having to drop something off to Richard Margison, a neighbour on the same lake as hers. Together, Margison and Valerie Kuinka founded the Highlands Opera Studio, which has hosted participants in Haliburton for professional development and have staged performances since 2007 (only interrupted by the pandemic).

"I was kind of nervous. The guy is famous, top of his game in opera. (Margison was named an Officer of the Order of Canada, and inducted into the Canadian Opera Hall of Fame, among other prestigious awards). "I boated into his place and there was Richard on an ATV, wearing sweat pants, a T-shirt and Crocs, driving the [ATV] to the beach to talk to me. A normal human being."

"I can't believe it. I love Haliburton, I love opera and I love Canoe FM and the tremendous support I'm receiving."

Opera Night in Canada airs on 100.9 Canoe FM every third Thursday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and streams online at: canoe.fm.com.

You can contact Dawn Martens at: operanightincanada@gmail.com.



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Puck practice

Highland Storm under-15 local league player Jacob Davis takes a shot, hoping to raise the puck over the bumper, as part of a shooting drill.



Highland Storm under-15 local league coach Scott Bird instructs players before a drill at practice on Friday, Feb. 18 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

Individual OJHL recognition tied to team

Christian Cicigoi and Oliver Tarr Named Warrior OJHL Players of the Month

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

It's all about the team, said Haliburton County Huskies players, Christian Cicigoi and Oliver Tarr, who were recognized for their performances to earn recent Warrior Ontario Junior Hockey League Players of the Month awards.

During the pre-game before the Huskies took to the ice against the Toronto Patriots on Feb. 15 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, both Cicigoi and Tarr were recognized during an on-ice presentation.

Huskies leading scorer, Tarr earned player of the month honours for November.

During that month, Tarr scored seven goals – part of a 17-point total – including his third game-winning goal Nov. 8 against the Cobourg Cougars.

He currently sits third in the OJHL's goal scoring race with 25 goals, and a grand total of 49 points according to the league's website. While being recognized for this award means a lot to Tarr, none of this was possible without the hard work of his teammates, he said.

"I had a really good start to the year," Tarr said. "It helps when we are winning, but I'm playing with a lot of great players this year. I definitely could not have done it without them, and even though it's only one player of the month award I think our main focus is still the championship. It's nice to be appreciated with individual accolades, but for sure we got to continue this for the rest of the year."

Tarr will be attending Buffalo's Canisius College this fall.

For Cicigoi, his perfect month of December helped him reach new heights of his career to earn him the nod as the goalie of the month for December. Going unbeaten in six games and finishing with a 1.97 goals against average and a .950 save percentage, the OJHL made no mistake of giving Cicigoi not only the player of the month award, but CJHL (Canadian Junior Hockey League) third star.



Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) co-ordinator hockey operations Ruben Cohen presented the Warriors Hockey OJHL Player of the Month Award to Haliburton County Huskies forward Oliver Tarr. /DARREN LUM Staff

Currently sitting with 18 wins, one off of the overall lead, Cicigoi is also in the top five for both save percentage and goals against average in the OJHL. The Thunder Bay native felt happy to be recognized, but knows his team did their jobs to give him the best chance to succeed.

"Winning that award is awesome but I see it as more of a team award," Cicigoi said. "I think when everyone does their jobs, it makes these things possible. The award should be going to everyone who put in the work, and it



Haliburton County Huskies president of business operations and the league's governor Brad Townsend presented the Warriors Hockey OJHL (Ontario Junior Hockey League) Player of the Month Award to Haliburton County Huskies goalie Christian Cicigoi.

shows out there on the ice. It's great to be recognized for sure and it's a step in the right direction for the team."

Tarr and Cicigoi have contributed big moments during the season, however both players are after the big picture: the OJHL championship.

While the Huskies start to 2022 has left some room to be desired, both Cicigoi, Tarr and the rest of the team will look to close out the season strong as the push for the playoffs is already in full swing.



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Huskies drop two in row, fall to Patriots and Golden Hawks

Joe Boice scores first OJHL goal as crowd goes wild

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to the Echo

The Haliburton County Huskies concluded their February with two straight losses coming at the hands of the Toronto Patriots and Trenton Golden Hawks on Friday and Saturday at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

On Friday, the Toronto Patriots came to town looking to break a seven-game losing streak, while the Huskies looked to get back on the path of winning after taking down the Lindsay Muskies in their last home game.

The Patriots came out of the gate swinging. At the 6:48 mark Joseph Martino ripped a shot past Christian Linton to score the only goal of the period. The Huskies maintained the pressure but unfortunately couldn't break through.

A scoring frenzy broke out during the second with five goals total scored, three for the Pats and two for the Huskies. After a bad bounce of the boards caught Linton out of position, Nolan Lowe buried the puck into the empty net to double the lead.

Ryan Forberg added two goals, with the first coming at 5:40 and the second at 14:05. Just like that, the Huskies found themselves down 4 to 0 on home ice. However, all hope wasn't lost, as in the span of 30 seconds the Huskies added a pair of their own. Christian Stevens buried a beautiful shot past Robert Andreakos Jr., using a defensive screen to his advantage.

Then on the very next play, Patrick Saini added a goal of his own. Shooting around the net, and beating Andreakos. Sadly however, that would be the only two goals scored for the Huskies as McKay Hayes added an empty netter in the third to seal the 5 to 3 victory for the Patriots.

Despite outshooting the Pats 50 to 42, the Huskies recorded their fifth loss of the month.

The Huskies closed out the month of February with one more home game coming against the division-leading Trenton Golden Hawks. In an important match, the Huskies fell to third in the East as they were leap frogged by Wellington.

In similar fashion to the last game, the Huskies got off to a rocky start. Less than two minutes in, Jake Campbell scored after Kolby Poulin took a tripping penalty.

Trenton's league-leading power play made no mistake to showcase why they are the league's best. Four minutes later Matthew Cato buried a one timer from Justin Mauro past Christian Cicigoi to double the Hawks' lead heading into the intermission.

Trenton's Aiden MacIntosh added another goal around four minutes into the period. Following that goal, the Huskies had enough and clawed their way back.

First up, Peyton Schaly. Schaly took advantage of a Rajvir Sangha penalty to beat William Nguyen, to get the Huskies on the board after many attempts. Less than 30 seconds later, Lucas Stevenson buried an Oliver Tarr rebound to pull the Huskies within one.

Then, the goal heard around the county. All season long, Joe Boice has been a fan favourite, however a goal has been just out of reach. Tonight, the tables would turn.

Coming back from a one game suspension, Boice tipped in a shot by Haliburton's Ryan Hall to tie the game and send the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena into a frenzy. His first OJHL goal couldn't have come at a better time. Despite the amazing second period by the Huskies, at the 1:10 mark and on the power play an errant pass from Cicigoi found its way onto the stick of Dalton Bancroft who made no mistake. Jake Campbell added his second of the night on the power play, to seal the deal for Trenton who went home with a 5 to 3 victory.

The Huskies will be on the road, visiting the St. Michael's Buzzers on March 4 before returning home on March 8 to take on the North York Rangers. The Huskies

will look to turn their season around in March, as the push for the playoffs continue.



HALIBURTON COUNTY LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53 of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96 that the following Applications for Consent will be considered by the Land Division Committee.

AND FURTHER THAT a public meeting will be held March 14th, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. to consider these applications.

AND FURTHER THAT this public meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended. The media and the public can view the Land Division Committee meeting webcast via the County of Haliburton YouTube channel which can be found on the County's website by searching the Land Division Committee (https://youtu.be/LqgF_TKu2dU).

AND FURTHER THAT these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

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Dated at the Township of Minden Hills on March 1, 2022.

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About the FoodCycler

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About the pilot project

The FoodCycler pilot project will measure the feasibility of in-home composting of food waste to help protect the environment.



The pilot project is 12-weeks in length (April 10 to July 2, 2022.) Participants will purchase the FoodCycler from the Municipality of Dysart et al for \$169.50 (\$150.00 plus \$19.50 HST). Participants will complete online surveys and online weekly logs.

Register to participate

One hundred Dysart households are needed to participate. Participants must be a permanent or seasonal resident in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Register to participate at www.dysartetal.ca/foodcycler by March 31, 2022.



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 - 7. Fish parts
 - 13. Cooking
 - 14. Quality
 - 16. Rural delivery
 - 17. Popular superhero
 - 19. Partner to Pa
 - 20. Shivering fits
 - 22. Wrath
 - 23. Linguistics pioneer
 - 25. Large integers
 - 26. A way to prepare food
 - 28. Group of badgers
 - 29. Peyton’s little brother
 - 30. Rock out
 - 31. Danish krone
 - 33. Take from with force
 - 34. Baroque musical instrument
 - 36. Zodiac sign
 - 38. Hebrew alphabet letter
 - 40. Independent member of a clone
 - 41. Type of garment
 - 43. Satisfy
 - 44. One point south of due east
 - 45. A way to wipe out
 - 47. Moved quickly on foot
 - 48. Bar bill
 - 51. An idiot
 - 53. Performed with the voice silent
 - 55. Body fluids
 - 56. Rhythmic patterns
 - 58. “__ my i’s”
 - 59. Type of wrap
 - 60. It shows who you are
 - 61. Carousel
 - 64. Type of college degree
 - 65. Molding
 - 67. Closes again
 - 69. Verses
 - 70. Surface

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Short, thick stick
 - 2. Rhode Island
 - 3. Animals of the horse family
 - 4. Very important persons
 - 5. Folk singer Di Franco
 - 6. Boredom
 - 7. Long speech
 - 8. Footballer Newton
 - 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
 - 10. Linear accelerator
 - 11. One quintillion bytes
 - 12. Smallest interval in Western music
 - 13. Box
 - 15. Cheese dish
 - 18. Make a mistake
 - 21. Done by all people or things
 - 24. Circumference
 - 26. Chum
 - 27. Electrocardiogram
 - 30. Sandwich chain Jimmy __
 - 32. Showed old movie
 - 35. Important event on Wall St.
 - 37. Where wrestlers work
 - 38. Free from contamination
 - 39. Eastern Canada coastal region
 - 42. Slang for gun
 - 43. High schoolers’ test
 - 46. Fathers
 - 47. Call it a career
 - 49. Productive
 - 50. Musical groups
 - 52. Yellowish-brown
 - 54. Lowest point of a ridge
 - 55. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
 - 57. Fill up
 - 59. Cardinal number that’s the sum of 5 and 1
 - 62. Frost
 - 63. Jewel
 - 66. Atomic #45
 - 68. Top lawyer

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Radon in the home is major health risk

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

Prolonged concentrated exposure to radon is a leading cause of cancer for people in Ontario and the numbers backing it up are a sobering reminder of the dangers related to the radioactive gas that can go undetected in your home without testing. If you do not smoke you have a one in 20 chance over your lifetime of getting lung cancer. If you smoke you have a lifetime risk of one in 10 in getting lung cancer but if you both smoke and have radon in your home, you have a one in three risk for lung cancer.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer mortality in Ontario and among non-smokers, radon is the primary cause of lung cancer, according to the Ontario Agency for Public Health and Promotion. As many as 13.6 per cent of lung cancer deaths in Ontario each year are due to radon exposure, and 16 per cent of those approximate 850 people had never smoked.

The risk of health effects from radon depends on the radon concentration, duration that you are exposed and whether or not you smoke, or are exposed to second-hand smoke.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is found in soil, water and outside air. It is produced by the decay of uranium found in rocks and soil. Because it is a gas, it can move through soil and escape into buildings and into the atmosphere. Because you cannot see it, smell it or taste it, it can only be measured with a radon detector. It can be found anywhere.

Radon can enter a home through such simple things as a crack in the foundation walls or floor slabs, construction joints, gaps around pipes, support posts, window casements, floor drains, sump pumps or cavities in the wall, according to Health Canada. Those living or spending considerable time in the basement of their home may be more at risk.

The final report in a two-year study, the Cross-Canada Survey of Radon Concentrations in Homes in 2012 showed that 6.9 per cent of Canadians are living in homes where the radon levels are above the current radon guideline of 200 becquerels per square metre. A becquerel is the unit used to measure the number of radioactive decays of a radon atom. In Ontario, 13 of the 36 health regions had more than 10 per cent of the homes test above the guideline. Radon can be found anywhere in Canada but the areas with the highest risk are in Manitoba, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and the Yukon.

Older homes with stone or exposed soil and cracks in the foundation, are more likely to have radon than more recent homes that have been built since changes to the Ontario Building Code in 2010. The Building Code specifically mentions the Township of Faraday as one of three jurisdictions in Ontario that specifically requires the design and construction of homes to ensure the 200 becquerel per square metre threshold is not exceeded.

The only way to know if your home has radon levels exceeding the recommended threshold is to conduct a radon test. These are typically conducted over a three-month period.

According to Public Health Ontario, once radon enters a building it can break down to produce radioactive particles. Once an individual inhales those particles they irritate or irradiate the lining of the



Older homes with stone foundations and dirt floors are especially susceptible to levels of radon over the 200 becquerels per square metre recommended threshold. Note the gaps between the rocks in this farmhouse foundation where radon can seep. /Photo submitted by Dannielle Switzer

lungs. This irradiation damages the lungs and results in the development of cancer. The International Agency for Research and Cancer classifies radon as a carcinogen and recommends that reducing exposure to it will result in fewer cases of lung cancer.

The Cross-Canada Survey of Radon Concentrations in Homes study in 2012 showed very high readings of radon in at least one home in Gooderham, but of the 98 properties surveyed in Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district at that time, 93.9 per cent were under the threshold of 200 becquerels per square metre.

Highlands East and areas of North Hastings have a history of uranium mining stemming back to the 1950s, increasing the potential for radon in the area. In fact, according to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, the organization that oversees the decommissioning of uranium mines, three of the 14 decommissioned uranium mines in Canada are located on our doorstep, the Bicroft Mine, Dyno Mine and the Madawaska Mine. Both the Dyno and Bicroft sites ceased operation in the early 60s while the Madawaska Mine has been inactive since 1983. Under the oversight of the CNSC, a company called EWL is looking after the decommissioning of the Dyno and Madawaska Mine sites and Barrick Gold is responsible for the Bicroft site. Ongoing work includes water sampling to ensure the remediation projects are successful and are regulation compliant. Work will continue on an ongoing basis. Most local residents will have seen the work being carried out the past few years along Hwy 28, in the area of the former Madawaska Mine site.

Tailings are the waste produced by grinding the ore and the chemical concentration of uranium. When dried, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission explains that the tailings will have the consistency of fine sand. Waste rock is separated into clean rock and mineralized rock, according to mineral content. Because mineralized waste rock and tailings contain significant concentrations of radioactive elements, primarily radium-226 and thorium-230, they must be managed over the

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Homeowners urged to obtain radon test kits

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long term.
“We have not done any studies on radon in this area but we did apply for funding to be able to provide free radon kits to residents. Unfortunately, our application was not successful,” said Bernie Mayer, manager of health protection at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit.
“During Radon Awareness Week in November, we post information on social media about radon. We also have information on our website about where to get a radon testing kit but maybe we will have to make it a little easier to find,” said Mayer.

In nearby Kingston, Frontenac, and Lennox and Addington, a study during the winter of 2018 to 2019 of 1,047 households, revealed that 21 per cent of households participating in the project tested above Health Canada’s guideline of 200 becquerels per square metre and 52 per cent tested above the World Health Organization’s radon guideline of 100 becquerels per square metre.
In Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, a local radon study, based on the research methods employed by the KFLA study, was conducted in 2019 with many homeowners agreeing to participate in the research. The study provided test kit pick-up locations in Belleville, Trenton, Picton and Bancroft. The test kits were to be placed in the lowest room in the participant’s home and left there for 91 days




A crack in the foundation of your house or in the floor of the basement is enough to allow radon to seep into your home. It can also enter through water leakage and gaps around service pipes in all ages of homes.
/Submitted by Dannielle Switzer

without being moved or touched. After the end of the 91 days, the test kit was to be mailed directly to an independent company for lab analysis. Those that were found to have radon levels above the recommended threshold were provided with recommendations for lowering the radon level in their homes.
While COVID-19 has slowed the release of the results of the HPEPH study, program manager of healthy environments, Andrew Landy, says that 15.1 per cent of the 519 households participating, had levels of radon in their homes over the 200 becquerels per square metre threshold. A total of 45.4 per cent had levels above 100 and .8 had radon levels above 600. For purposes of the study, the rural parts of

Hastings Prince Edward, including Bancroft, Tyendinaga and Deseronto combined had a rate of 23.3 per cent of households over the 200 becquerels per square metre. Landy suspects that it may not be long before the threshold is lowered to be in line with the World Health Organization’s 100 becquerels per square metre threshold. Lowering the threshold would expect to reduce the number of lung cancer deaths associated with chronic exposure to radon.
In Bancroft, the municipality has not conducted a public education campaign

about radon testing. “Radon has never been an issue and our public buildings are not tested for it because most do not have basements,” said Pat Hoover, fire chief/CEMC/building and bylaw manager. According to Hoover, most of the issues would be with older buildings that have dirt basements and stone foundations. Everything is sealed up tight with the new building regulations.
There are ways to reduce or eliminate radon in your home should your test results be above the recommended threshold. This remediation is recommended for health reasons and according to the Ontario Real Estate Association, to protect the value of your property. Health Canada says that hiring a certified professional can lower radon levels in the home up to 90 per cent, increasing home ventilation can lower radon levels from 25 to 50 per cent and sealing up cracks can reduce it by 13 per cent. Only 29 per cent of Canadians with high radon in their homes have taken action to reduce it, according to Health Canada.
Radon test kits are available through the local hardware stores or online at www.takeactiononradon.ca. The other option is to hire a certified, radon-measurement professional. For more information contact 1-833-723-6600 or radon@hc-sc.gc.ca or visit Canada.ca/radon.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO
ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: FRIDAY MARCH 25, 2022
TIME: 9:05 am
LOCATION: TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING ONLY

Application:

Lands of Fleming College
• Purpose and Effect: The application will rezone the lands from Rural Institutional-2 (IR-2) Exception Zone to Rural Institutional-2 (IR-2) Exception Zone to further amend the exception zone to permit a reduction to the required setback for the proposed student housing development and parking requirements on the subject lands.
• Location: 297 College Drive, legally known as Part Lot 15, Concession 9, Parts 1 and 2 19R7362, Part 1 19R9314, In the Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al.

There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.


For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at mbishop@dysartetal.ca.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting Kris Orsan, Senior at korsan@dysartetal.ca.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 1st day of March, 2022.

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ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022
TIME: 9:05 am
LOCATION: TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING ONLY

Application:

Lands of Minna & Hamill
• Purpose and Effect: The application will rezone the lands from Waterfront Residential Type 4L (WR4L) zone to Waterfront Residential Type 4L - XX (WR4L-XX) exception zone in order to permit a Quonset Hut on the subject lands.
• Location: 1192 Bay Breeze Lane, and legally described as Part Lot 29 Concession 10, In the Geographic Township of Guilford, Municipality of Dysart et al.

Lands of Ristow
• Purpose and Effect: The application will rezone the lands from Waterfront Residential Type 3L (WR3L) Zone to Waterfront Residential Type 3L-XX (WR3L-XX) exception zone in order to permit a boathouse within the required setback from a waterbody (Percy Lake) pursuant to section 15.2.2 of the Official Plan.
• Location: 1080 Briarwood Trail, legally described as Lot 2, Plan 19M3 in the Geographic Township of Havelock, Municipality of Dysart et al.

There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.

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Three years in - Dysart et al Councillor Ward 4 - John Smith

CHRIS DROST

Staff Reporter

It has been just over three years since municipal councils began their current term of office. With the next municipal election now less than a year away, we have reached out to invite local political representatives to answer a few questions.

What is your cumulative time you have spent as a municipal representative for this municipality? (Is this your first term or have you served for multiple terms?)
This is my first term as a Dysart councillor although I had previously served as an elected representative in Etobicoke.

What in your personal background/experience has best helped you to be an effective member of council?
My many years as a local cottager, extensive business background and the related personal commitment to good customer service make me a strong advocate for what property owners tell me matters most to them.

Three years in to this mandate, what do you believe has been this council's greatest achievement so far?

The allocation of a greater share of resources toward improving our roads and laying out a plan to do more in the future as defined by actual measurements of road conditions. In the long term the work on housing may be even more important to our community but with so

much remaining to be done there, it is too soon to declare this an achievement.

Is there anything council has made a decision on in the past three years that you wish you could have a chance to re-do?

I wish I had pushed harder early on to gain alignment around a single set of priorities on which time and resources could have been focused over the full term.

What is this council's greatest challenge in the year ahead?

Balancing competing demands including holding tax increases to no more than the rate of inflation. We need to recognize that many cannot afford to pay higher taxes.

What do you hope this council can achieve in its last months in office?

Building a long-term plan that clearly documents our priorities for all of the important services we deliver, defines specific strategies and goals in support of delivering on these priorities and lays out precisely how success will be measured in the years to come.

Dysart et al Councillor John Smith for Ward 4, believes setting a clear set of strategies and goals with measurable outcomes should be a priority for the municipality. /Photo submitted



Kudos for the Cupid's Carnival event

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Notice of Sewage Service Rates By-Law Amendments

Dysart et al Council, at their March 22, 2022 meeting, will be considering changes to By-Law 2019-31, being a by-law to impose fees and charges for the provision of Communal Sewage Services. This amendment will increase the annual Sewage Service rate effective January 1, 2022 and increase the metered Sewage Service Rate effective April 1, 2022.

Further information on these fee changes will be available on <https://www.dysartetal.ca/>.

Mallory Bishop, Municipal Clerk

Abbey Gardens has once again shown initiative in what promises to be an annual event on this enterprising property: Cupid's Carnival. The event involved vendors, Marge's pastry at the Beaver Tail truck and the vibrant musical entertainment of Carl Dixon and of Ian Pay and Gord Kidd, Hank O'Reilly, Lunar Bloom and North of Seven. Ashley McAllister is to be congratulated on the success of Cupid's Carnival in raising \$5,000 for children's programming. We look forward to the announcement of further events on the site.

The closure of Maple Lake United Church affects West Guilford residents as it means no more church suppers in spring and fall. Such a loss of good cooking. Then there is the loss of craft and bake sales; and fond remembrance of bygone friends and relatives at the cemetery remembrance day usually held in June and the annual Valentine's Day concert which involved so many local musicians and entertainers, hosted by Albert Carpenter and planned by Kathleen Owens.

So much to miss, so much to be thankful for over the

years. I am reminded of the closing of our beloved St. Andrew's Church which was a grief to so many whose families had been baptized, wed, confirmed or buried as life saw the beginning and ending there.

Should you wish more information from the Rev. Max Ward regarding Minden's United Church call 705-286-1470. Time of service is 9:30 am. You may participate on Zoom if unable to attend the service.

Haliburton Legion has received a grant for \$104,000 from Laurie Scott for renovations to the Legion. Former president Paul Sisson who served seven years in this capacity provided the following information: New windows will replace the old. Air conditioning and water systems are to be renovated.

Thanks go to our MPP for working on our behalf for the generous grant.

Church is on again. St. George's Anglican in Haliburton is open at 10:30 a.m. service. Ash Wednesday happens at 7 p.m. on March 2, led by the Rev. Margaret Milne.

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Women Who Care support Places for People

Places for People president Jody Curry, centre, and vice president Fay Martin, far left, stand with Tina Palmer, second to left, Sandra Slauenwhite-Box, second from the right, and Pat Bradley, far right, from 100 Women Who Care, Haliburton County. The women's group, which typically raises thousands of dollars in a meeting that only lasts about an hour, raised \$6,800 for Places for People at their Feb. 16 meeting. /Photo by Nick Bernard

Vulnerable have faced greater hardships during pandemic

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

The COVID-19 pandemic should serve as a lesson on how vulnerable populations are put at more risk than other groups when health emergencies occur.

That's the message delivered by members of the Vulnerable Sector Group (VSG), which works under the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit.

Group leaders delivered a presentation to the health unit's board on Feb. 17, in which they lobbied for continued attention towards vulnerable groups, which include children and youth, older adults, people who use substances, people with low socioeconomic status, people living in congregate living settings, people with mental illness and First Nation, Inuit, and Metis.

"Equity matters," VSG co-chair Kate Hall told the board, during the virtual meeting. "We'd like to highlight this as we move forward and out of our COVID-19 response and into recovery. COVID-19 has created opportunities for long-term and high-impact change going forward."

Hall and co-chair Sarah Tsang lobbied for the health unit to think of health equity values and principals as it moves forward on all policies it creates, including those related to emergency preparedness.

"In this way, we can create the next normal," Hall said.

Throughout the pandemic the working group, which includes 10 other local health officials, found that COVID-19 was "highlighting and amplifying unfair and

unjust" issues, Tsang said.

"We're all in the same storm, but we're not all in the same boat," she added. "Not everyone has the opportunity, privilege and power to respond to the pandemic in the same way."

The working group, on direction from the Ministry of Health, prepared a program where members asked questions about social-economic status among people they worked with who had tested positive for COVID-19. They also started working closer with partnering agencies to get a feel of what was happening at group homes, shelters, mental health services organizations and other groups that work with vulnerable people.

The group saw that the pandemic was exacerbating hardships that clients were already experiencing.

Hall praised the health board for advancing policies that decrease health inequities, such as advocating for the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit to evolve into a guaranteed basic income program and for advocating for paid sick days.

"We know that people in low-income households are most likely to be negatively impacted by unplanned time off," she said, explaining that those people don't always have the ability to follow public health guidelines, and often go to work in risky situations.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, who sits on the health unit's board, praised the presentation and agreed that vulnerable people are most at risk of being negatively affected by the pandemic. They might not have a support system that can help them avoid doing things like going to the grocery store,

when it's unsafe to do so, she pointed out.

Board chair Doug Elmslie asked if there's a risk of people in vulnerable populations falling further behind when it comes to accessing health services, when the pandemic wanes.

Hall explained that the board needs to continue paying attention to these groups

and understand their stories.

"When we start with people first, we tend to be able to address and mitigate some of those inequities right at the get go," she said. "That's a new approach and something we can all think about bringing into our policy going forward."



Essential help in a box

Rotaract - Haliburton Highlands member Vivian Collings collects items to include in the Essential Item Box on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at the Haliburton County Echo office in Haliburton. The Essential Item Box program provides food and hygienic products and is open to anyone. It started as relief packages in 2020 to try and help those heavily impacted by the pandemic. Boxes are personalized for each family or individuals. Funding for the boxes is possible through community donors. Those interested or know someone who could benefit contact haliburtonrotaract@gmail.com for more details about receiving or picking up at designated locations./DARREN LUM Staff

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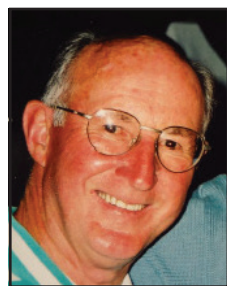
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In Loving Memory of **Bunker, Bruce John**

Bruce John Bunker, 88, of Richmond Hill, Ontario peacefully passed away on Monday, February 21, 2022 at Mackenzie Health Hospital.

Bruce was born in Rathburn, Ontario on April 15, 1933 in the family farmhouse. The family later moved to Orillia where he eventually graduated from the Orillia District Collegiate and Vocational Institute. He continued on to receive his Bachelor of Education degree from The University of Toronto.

Bruce was married to Barbara (nee Bird) on June 29, 1961.

He was a career teacher with the North York Board of Education, specializing in Math and Industrial Arts, instructing at Yvonne Avenue Public, Ledbury Park Elementary and Pleasant View Junior High Schools. In his youth he excelled at athletics, particularly baseball and hockey, representing Orillia area teams over numerous seasons. He was one of the original members of The Orillia Road Knights Motorcycle Club. Later in life, golf became his passion while spending family summer vacations at "The Cottage" in Ingoldsby, Ontario and snowbird winters in Florida. Frequently roaming the fairways of Blairhampton and Pinestone, and the bordering woods and ponds searching to add to his vast golf ball collection. Tinkering was also a favourite hobby, spending hours in the "workbarn", basement or garage on a repair, woodworking, ornament creation or renovation project. His love of family and friends shone throughout his life and he touched many many more lives than he knew, and we are all better for it.

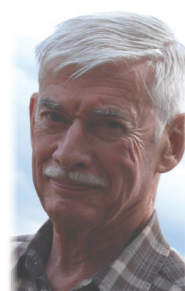
Bruce is survived by his wife, Barbara, children David (Lisa), Diana (Brad), Maria (Ken), grandchildren Sandra (Mike), Kristine (Matt), Chloe, Kael, Sean, Avery, brother Jim (Betty) and many nieces and nephews.

Bruce is preceded in death by brother Bob (Helen) and sisters Katherine (Elmer) and Shirley (Bill). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

A celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." – Dr. Seuss



In Loving Memory of **Clarence Raymond "Ray" Vanderburgh, P. Eng.**

Ray Vanderburgh passed peacefully with his children at his side in Orangeville on February 14, 2022.

Ray was born in Toronto and raised in Leaside. He had a lifelong love of airplanes. He graduated from University of Toronto's Aeronautical Engineering program in 1955 and joined De Havilland of Canada, where he did performance measurement and wind-tunnel and other testing of various aircraft.

In 1958, he turned to teaching. Over the 15 years he spent teaching physics, math, and chemistry at Northview Collegiate and Westview High School in North York, he enjoyed mentoring special interest clubs and introducing novel approaches to stimulate learning. He was named head of physics and science respectively while at Westview.

After teaching, he launched into a successful 3rd career in industrial noise control. He held roles in product development and global licensing at Vibro Acoustics and is proud to have contributed to many high-profile noise control projects around the world, including Roy Thompson Hall.

While raising his young family in the 60's, Ray built a cottage on Drag Lake in Haliburton and eventually retired there in 1999. The cottage was Ray's special place. It made him happy to know his children and grandchildren felt the same connectedness to it. He also loved the sense of community on the lake and, in retirement, enjoyed actively participating in the Haliburton arts scene, including volunteering as a set builder with the Highlands Summer Festival Theatre.

Ray is predeceased by his beloved Nellie (Jane Castel Vanderburgh) and leaves behind his children Anthony (Leslie), Daryl (Linda), Adam, and Gillian (Marc); his step-children Christopher (Dawn), Maria (Thomas), and Marc (Gillian); and his grandchildren Dana, Nicholas, Jaime, Sophie, Adam, Jacqueline, Jean-Paul, Tommy, Allie (Adam), and Stephane (Nate). He will also be remembered by his first wife, Alice Foster.

A private interment will be scheduled at a future date. In lieu of a visitation or service, the family encourages memories, photos etc. in celebration of Ray's life to be shared on the Tribute Wall at www.waggfuneralhome.com

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Forever in our hearts...

Weatherman helps Rotary Club stage winter carnival

Give the Rotary Club of Haliburton good weather for a weekend and they will show you a great winter carnival. This past weekend the weather was lovely, but possibly just a little too nice and too warm.

The weather conditions for the Haliburton Winter Carnival played a big part in some of its successes, but it played havoc with other events.

On Friday night it was foggy for the Torchlight parade. On Saturday conditions were ideal for the parade, but on Sunday the rain and very mild weather forced postponement of many events and the novelty races which are usually held on Head Lake had to be moved to the track at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Despite the weather conditions the Rotary Club of Haliburton with its carnival chairman Bill Emerson, and co-chairman Glen Blair did a marvelous job in giving the local people and visitors a great weekend.

People came from near and far to participate in a fun-filled weekend.

Susan Walling, daughter of Mr and Mrs Don Walling of Haliburton, a student at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was chosen as Queen of this year's Carnival at a Teen Dance held at the High School on Friday night. Her three princesses were Sylvia McCracken, Lori Northey and Lila Thurston.

The Queen and her princesses left the High School on Friday night and proceeded to the Arena where they were presented to the large crowd on hand for the official opening by the Honourable Claude Bennett, minister of Industry and Tourism. The crowd in attendance at the arena was treated to an exciting broomball game between Radio station CKLY in Lindsay and the Haliburton Fire Department. The evening concluded with dancing and refreshments in the arena auditorium.

The Carnival feast and ball held on Saturday at the Legion Hall was a great success as usual. The supper tickets were all sold and it was standing room only at the dance which followed when over 500 people turned out to trip the light fantastic. So many people showed up for the dance, that shortly after 10:00 p.m. a sold out sign went up and over 40 people had to be turned away.

The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts deserve a great deal of credit for their effort of making the carnival a success. Their display attracted a great many local people as well as visitors to the Lakeview Centre.

The parade on Saturday afternoon viewed by the largest crowd to ever witness a winter Carnival parade in Haliburton left a lot to be desired. The parade was very short and we have to agree with many people on hand that it was the first parade they had ever seen

that didn't have a band in it. The parade winners were as follows. Best Overall Float - Victoria Street School, Most Original Entry - Halimar Lodge, Most Humorous Entry, Tee Pee Construction.

The fireworks display on Saturday night was very popular as usual, with hundreds gathering to see the display. And what about the Campers' breakfast at the Legion Hall on Saturday morning. Nearly 200 people turned out for breakfast. The turnout at both the luncheons on Saturday and Sunday at the Anglican and United Churches were the largest in the seven-year history of the winter carnival.

On Sunday afternoon a large crowd turned out at the track at the High School for the novelty Snowmobile Races. The following are the winners:

1st race - Open Race - 1st prize, Paul Weatherill, R.R. 1, Unionville. 2nd prize, Cleve Shaw, R.R. 2, Haliburton.

2nd race - Ball and shovel - 1st prize, Rick Hickson, Lakefield, Ont. 2nd prize, Murray Wild, Georgetown, Ont.

3rd race - Junior Boys (12-15 yrs.) 1st prize, Dean Potter, Haliburton. 2nd prize, Andy Pristol, R.R. 2, Haliburton.

4th race - Ball and shovel 1st prize, Peter McElwain R.R. 2, Haliburton. 2nd prize, Peter Leighton, Haliburton, Ont.

5th race - Ladies Powder Puff 1st prize, Jennifer Hickson, Lakefield, Ont. 2nd prize, Charlene McElwain, R.R. 2, Haliburton.

6th race - Mens Race - 1st prize, Peter Leighton, Haliburton, Ont. 2nd prize, Peter McElwain, R.R. 2, Haliburton.

7th race - Ball and shovel (1st and 2nd finalists from races 2 and 4), Rick Hickson.

8th race - Slowest race in the world - Grant Rae, Haliburton, Ontario.

9th race - Men's Open Race - 1st prize, Paul Weatherill, R.R. 1, Unionville. 2nd prize, Peter Leighton, Haliburton, Ont.

The fans who took in the hockey game at the arena on Saturday night saw one of the best games of the season as the Haliburton Huskies nosed out Lakefield by the score of 9-8 in a real thriller. The Lakefield team were ahead by the score of 8-5 at the end of the second period but the Huskies came back with four unanswered goals in the final period. It was Lakefields first defeat of the season.

The Rotary Club is more than pleased with the co-operation of the Carling O'Keefe Breweries which supplied the sound truck for the various events of the carnival. We would also like to thank Rob Blake, the Community Service Representative of Carling O'Keefe, who was so very co-operative at taking the sound truck wherever it was needed. He really went out of his way to assist in the success of the carnival.

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First prize in the parade held Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the Haliburton winter carnival went to the children of the Victoria Street School in Haliburton. They are shown lined up in the fairgrounds in front of their best overall float "Candy Land" which netted them \$50.00 and a trophy. Photo by Dal Hubbert.



John Rouble receives the Star of Courage

John Rouble, Principal of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton was at Government House in Ottawa on Friday, February 14 to receive the Star of Courage for his heroic effort on February 8, 1973 when Mr Rouble rescued two people, Francis Leslie Donaldson and Shirley McKinnon, both of Haliburton, after they had crashed through the ice into icy waters of a lake while snowmobiling.

Mr Rouble on the left with his wife Carol is shown shaking hands with The Governor General the Right Honourable Jules Leger, C.C. C.M.N., C.D., following the presentation. Mrs Leger is shown standing with her husband. Mr Rouble was awarded a silver medal at the age of 16, while a Boy Scout, for rescuing a drowning child from the Welland River. Photo by John Evans Photography Ltd., Ottawa.



Carnival Queen Susan Walling

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